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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Attn: Box Missing Parts Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notice to File Missing Parts mailed January 24, 2001, said period of response being extended from March 24, 2001 to April 24, 2001.

Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

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